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SUBJECT: FRENCH VIEWS ABOUT ITALY

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1. MASSET, COUNSELOR OF FRENCH EMBASSY, INQUIRED ABOUT ANTECEDENTS OF INVITATION TO PRESIDENT LEONE OF ITALY TO VISIT U.S. IN LATE SEPTEMBER, AND WHETHER ANY SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO VISIT.

2. WHEN INFORMED OF LONG HISTORY SURROUNDING INVITATION, MASSET NEVERTHELESS INDICATED THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT WAS GRATIFIED BY THE FACT OF THE VISIT AND THE IMPLICIT SUPPORT IT AFFORDED THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AT A CRITICAL TIME.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, MASSET CITED RECENT REPORT FROM FRENCH AMBASSADOR LUCET IN ROME, NOTING THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED TO HIM BY KEY ITALIANS (HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED MORO, GAJA AND DUCCI) ABOUT THE SECURITY SITUATION WHICH GREEK WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO WOULD CREATE FOR ITALY, PARTICU-

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LARLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE UNCERTAIN FUTURE OF EVENTS IN

YUGOSLAVIA. LUCET ALSO REPORTED ITALIAN INTENTION TO TRY
AND TAKE UP THE SLACK, BUT POINTED ALSO TO THE DIFFICULTIES
INVOLVED GIVEN THE CURRENT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION
IN ITALY AT PRESENT.

4. MASSET SAID THAT THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY IS FOLLOWING
THE WHOLE ITALIAN SITUATION CAREFULLY. THE IMPLICATIONS

FOR ITALY OF GREEK WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO ARE A KEY FACTOR
IN FRENCH RELATIONS WITH ATHENS. KISSINGER

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